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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SBC-JIC Jesusita Fire 001 DATE: May 5, 2009 TIME: 4:15 p.m.

At approximately 1:45 p.m. a fire began in the Cathedral Peak area. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Fire Status

- Fire began in the Cathedral Peak area at 1:45 p.m.
- Approximately 4 acres burned, currently moving in a northeasterly direction.
- A mandatory evacuation order has been issued for all locations north of Foothill Road (Highway 192) east of Ontare Road and Morada Lane, and west of El Cielito Road/Gibraltar Road to East Camino Cielo.
- The American Red Cross has set up an evacuation center at the First Presbyterian Church 21 E. Constance St. (Constance and State Streets) in Santa Barbara.
- The fire response is being administered by a Unified Command consisting of the Santa Barbara Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Montecito Fire, and the US Forest Service.
- A large animal evacuation center has been established at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara,
- The National Weather Service anticipates continued warm weather and high wind conditions.

Additional information will be available at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov and on City TV 18.

For more information:

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